

## GOING GREEN:

# How to Save Water (and \$\$\$) At Home

ALSO KNOWN AS "HOW NOT TO GET SOAKED"

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### SPLASH'S FAST FACTS:

DID YOU KNOW...  
IT TAKES ABOUT 2 GALLONS OF WATER TO BRUSH YOUR TEETH. IF YOU TURN OFF THE WATER WHILE BRUSHING, THAT'S OVER 5800 GALLONS SAVED PER YEAR FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR!

A SHOWER, WITH AN UNRESTRICTED SHOWERHEAD, CAN USE ABOUT TWENTY GALLONS OF WATER PER SHOWER! FAMILY OF FOUR  
TRANSLATION: 1000 SHOWERS (ABOUT)/YEAR = 20,000 GALLONS OF WATER!

AN OLDER TOILET (BEFORE 1990) USES 3.5 GALLONS OF WATER. REALLY OLD TOILETS CAN USE UP TO 4.5 GALLONS OF WATER PER FLUSH.



SAVING WATER IS SOMETHING ALL OF US CAN DO EASILY. NOT ONLY IS IT GOOD FOR THE PLANET, BUT IT'S ALSO GOOD FOR THE WALLET. (OR PURSE.)

WHERE TO START? KEEP READING FOR SOME PRACTICAL, EASY WAYS TO SAVE WATER!



SAVE A LOT OF H<sub>2</sub>O  
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# WATER SAVING TIP #1 AERATORS

BASICALLY, AERATORS MIX WATER WITH AIR BY SPLITTING A SINGLE WATER STREAM INTO MANY. WITH THE AIR MIXED IN, THERE IS LESS SPACE FOR THE WATER TO OCCUPY, SO IT ALSO REDUCES THE FLOW OF WATER WITHOUT REDUCING THE WATER PRESSURE (IT MAY ALSO SEEM LIKE IT IS INCREASING THE WATER PRESSURE).

AERATORS COME WITH DIFFERENT FLOW CONTROL, WITH A MAXIMUM OF 2.5 GALLONS PER MINUTE DOWN TO .5 GALLONS PER MINUTE. AN AERATOR CAN SAVE YOU UP TO 50 % ON YOUR WATER BILL FOR YOUR FAUCETS.

THERE ARE 4 BASIC TYPES OF AERATORS

- LARGE MALE =  $15/16$ " (MEASURED OUTSIDE) OR THE SIZE OF A QUARTER, THREADS ON THE OUTSIDE
- LARGE FEMALE =  $55/64$ " (MEASURED INSIDE), ALSO THE SIZE OF A QUARTER, THREADS ON THE INSIDE
- SMALL MALE =  $13/16$ " (MEASURED OUTSIDE) OR THE SIZE OF A NICKEL, THREADS ON THE OUTSIDE
- SMALL FEMALE =  $3/4$ " (MEASURED INSIDE), ALSO THE SIZE OF A NICKEL, THREADS ON THE INSIDE

"DUAL THREAD AERATORS" HAVE BOTH FEMALE AND MALE THREAD ADAPTERS AND ARE AVAILABLE ONLY IN THE LARGE SIZE.



LARGE MALE



SMALL MALE



LARGE FEMALE



SMALL FEMALE

# WATER SAVING TIP #2 SHOWER PRODUCTS

YOU MIGHT THINK YOU NEED TO GIVE UP RELAXING IN THE COMFORT OF A WARM SPRAY TO SAVE MONEY IN THE SHOWER, BUT WITH THE NEW PRODUCTS THAT HAVE RECENTLY HIT THE MARKET, IT'S POSSIBLE TO DO BOTH!

MAIN STREET HAS A SELECTION OF SHOWER PRODUCTS THAT WILL HELP YOU CONSERVE WATER, FROM HAND-HELD SHOWER MESSAGES TO SHOWER HEADS AND THEY ARE EASY TO INSTALL.

HAND-HELD SHOWER MESSAGES HAVE PROGRESSED SIGNIFICANTLY IN RECENT YEARS. THE SHOWER MESSAGES ON THE MARKET TODAY USE VERY LITTLE WATER, AT 1.5 GALLONS PER MINUTE. THE SAME CAN BE SAID FOR WATER-SAVING SHOWER HEADS THAT ALSO USE 1.5 GALLONS PER MINUTE BUT OFFER A VARIETY OF SPRAY INTENSITIES RANGING FROM A GENTLE NEEDLE SPRAY TO A FORCEFUL JET WHILE MAINTAINING A CONSISTENT FLOW RATE REGARDLESS OF WATER PRESSURE.



## WATER SAVING TIP #3 TOILET PRODUCTS

AN OLDER TOILET CAN BE A SIGNIFICANT WATER WASTER. IF YOU HAVE A TOILET MANUFACTURED PRIOR TO 1990, EACH FLUSH USES 3.5 GALLONS OF WATER. THAT MEANS IF YOUR TOILET IS FLUSHED 4 TIMES EACH DAY THAT'S OVER 1200 GALLONS PER YEAR!

LUCKILY, THERE ARE WAYS TO CUT DOWN ON THE AMOUNT OF WATER THAT YOUR TOILET USES. A TOILET FILL CYCLE DIVERter CAN SAVE YOU UP TO 1/2 GALLON PER FLUSH. THIS IS AN EASY WAY TO SAVE WATER - THE INSTALLATION CAN BE DONE IN THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME REQUIRED TO CHANGE A LIGHT BULB.

A TOILET TANK BLADDER IS ANOTHER WAY TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF WATER (AND MONEY) GETTING FLUSHED. THESE ARE ALSO EASY TO USE: JUST FILL WITH WATER, SNAP THE TOP TO CLOSE AND HANG IT IN YOUR TOILET TANK. THE TANK BANK AVAILABLE AT [MAINSTREETPLUMBINGPARTS.COM](http://MAINSTREETPLUMBINGPARTS.COM) DISPLACES .8 GALLONS WITH EACH FLUSH AND RESISTS MICROBES AND FUNGAL GROWTH.



## WATER SAVING TIP #4 WATER SAVING KITS

NOW THAT YOU'VE SEEN ALL OF PRODUCTS AVAILABLE SEPARATELY FOR WATER CONSERVATION, YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING THESE SAME PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE ALTOGETHER IN A HANDY KIT.



THE BASIC KIT AVAILABLE INCLUDES A 1.5 GALLON PER MINUTE EARTH® MASSAGE PLASTIC SHOWER HEAD, A KITCHEN SWIVEL AERATOR (PERFECT FOR WASHING DISHES!), 2 BATHROOM AERATORS, A TOILET TANK BANK, A FILL CYCLE DIVERter AND OTHER ITEMS INCLUDING LEAK DETECTION TABLETS TO HELP YOU FIND LEAKS IN YOUR TOILET, A FLOW METERING BAG AND TEFLON TAPE.

THE PREMIUM KIT INCLUDES EVERYTHING ABOVE WITH A LOW-FLOW METAL SHOWER HEAD INSTEAD OF THE MASSAGE SHOWER HEAD.